Memorandum

TO: Bryant VanBrakle, Secretary DATE: January 16, 2004

FROM : Steven Najarian, Counsel to Commissioner Joseph E. Brennan

SUBJECT: E-Mail from Representative of C. H. Robinson Worldwide

Commissioner Brennan received the attached e-mail message today from Joseph J. Mulvehill of C. H. Robinson Worldwide.

Please include this message in the docket of P9-03, Petition of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. for Exemption Pursuant to Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984 to Permit Negotiation, Entry, and Performance of Confidential Service Contracts.

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From: "Joe Mulvehill" < JOE.MULVEHILL@chrobinson.com>

To: <josephb@fmc.gov> Date: 1/16/200410:43 AM

Commissioner Brennan:

I would like to thank you again for the opportunity yesterday to present our company C.H. Robinson Worldwide. I hope you now have a clearer understanding of who we are not only as a company but hopefully as individuals as well.

As a recap we are asking for the ability to enter into confidential contracts with our customers. As we explained in our meeting the commercial world is rapidly changing relative to our customers requirements and global supply chain management. As we develop these complex solutions ocean transportation is the only mode where we can not provide true confidentiality for our customers.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to present our case.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Mulvehill Vice President International C.H. Robinson Worldwide

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